



SANFL & COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

RETURN TO PLAY

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Definition

In South Australia a 'close contact' is defined as:

- a household member or intimate partner of a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period
- someone who has had close personal interaction with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period:
 - for 4 (four) hours or more and
 - where masks are not worn by the person and the COVID-19 case and
 - in close physical proximity (within 1.5 metres) and
 - in an indoor setting
- someone who has been notified by SA Health that they are a close contact
- someone who has been to an exposure site listed on the SA Health website

People with COVID-19 are considered infectious two days before their symptoms started or if they didn't have any noticeable symptoms, they are considered infectious two days before they had their positive COVID-19 test taken.

Testing & Isolation Requirements

Close contacts are no longer subject to quarantine requirements, provided they undertake the following:

- wear a mask when leaving the house for 7 days after your exposure date (12 years and older)
- undertake 5 rapid antigen tests over the 7 days after the exposure date (with at least 24 hours between tests and one test on day 7)
- report rapid antigen test results if the event of a positive test
- not attend high risk settings
- notify employer or school or early childcare settings of close contact status

In addition to the above mandatory requirements, it is strongly recommended that persons

- avoid non-essential gatherings for 7 days after exposure date
- avoid contact with people at risk of severe illness for 7 days after exposure date
- work from home where possible
- report your rapid antigen test results even if you test negative

CLASSROOM CONTACTS

Definition

Students are a classroom contact if they shared a classroom or interacted with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, ancillary staff or student).

Testing & Isolation Requirements

Students must follow the following guidelines:

- If the student has symptoms, they must not attend school and get tested as soon as possible
- Students (aside from the positive case/s) will be encouraged to continue attending school if they don't have any symptoms
- Student attendance at OSHC should be avoided where possible for 7 days
- Students should avoid attending school related extra-curricular activities for 7 days (such as camps, excursions, interschool sport, combined choir etc)
- avoid non-essential gatherings for 7 days after exposure date
- avoid contact with people at risk of severe illness for 7 days after exposure date



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PREVIOUS INFECTION

If you have previously tested positive to COVID-19, you will not be considered a close contact for 12 weeks after you finish isolation. After this period, you will be considered a close contact if you are re-exposed to COVID-19.

NON-ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS & ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY SPORT

SA Health defines Non-essential gatherings as including but are not exclusive of:

- Weddings and other large family gatherings/events
- COVID Management Plan events
- Concerts, music festivals and other indoor entertainment
- Restaurants, hotels, pubs and nightclubs
- Attending the gym and indoor sport
- Conference and professional development not essential for work

There is no direction stating that close contacts (including classroom contacts) cannot attend and participate in outdoor community sport.

However, if a person who is a close contact elects to participate, the following should be observed:

- Wear a mask at all times
- Not attend club social functions or gatherings
- Avoid changerooms and other shared indoor spaces

SANFL encourages all individuals, families and caregivers to assess the risk that your or your child's attendance at training or match day may have, particularly on vulnerable members of your club community.

Notify your club or program coordinator that you or your child is a close contact so that risk assessment can occur, and any additional protocols implemented to deliver a COVIDSafe environment for all participants and staff/volunteers

More Information

For more information, please visit the [SA Health Close Contacts website](#)

For more information regarding classroom contacts, please review the Department of Education Testing, isolating and quarantine for school and OSHC settings overleaf

TESTING, ISOLATING AND QUARANTINE FOR SCHOOL AND OSHC SETTINGS

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education



IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 THEY MUST NOTIFY THE SCHOOL AND/OR OSHC AND ISOLATE FOR 7 DAYS.

CONTACT DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Student  Students attending the site and undertaking learning activities	Teacher or school services officer in classroom settings  People working in classroom and/or OSHC settings (teachers, AEWs, SSOs)	Student support in 1:1 settings  People working 1:1 with students (eg SSOs, disability support, allied health workers)	Ancillary staff and contractors  Administrative positions with limited student/child contact, ground keeping etc.
STUDENTS ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> they shared a classroom or interacted with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, ancillary staff or student) Parents will be informed if there has been a positive case of COVID-19 (by year level) by the school and/or OSHC. INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> students (aside from the positive case/s) will be encouraged to continue attending school. If a student has symptoms, they must not attend school and get tested as soon as possible 	YOU ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you shared a classroom with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, staff member or student) YOU ARE REQUIRED TO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rapid antigen 'test to stay' on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and attend work if you receive a negative result (or staff can continue to test daily over the 7 day period if preferred) 	YOU ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you shared a classroom with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, staff member or student) YOU ARE REQUIRED TO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rapid antigen 'test to stay' on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and attend work if you receive a negative result (or staff can continue to test daily over the 7 day period if preferred) 	YOU ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you shared a classroom with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, staff member or student) YOU ARE REQUIRED TO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rapid antigen 'test to stay' on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and attend work if you receive a negative result (or staff can continue to test daily over the 7 day period if preferred)
A STUDENT IS A CLOSE CONTACT IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> they were supported by an SSO or teacher who has tested positive for COVID-19, for a cumulative period of 4 hours, indoors, in close physical proximity and face masks were not able to be worn. STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertake 5 rapid antigen tests over a 7-day period following exposure*^ 	YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you spend a cumulative period of 4 hours indoors, in close physical proximity and not wearing a mask <u>with another adult</u> who has tested positive for COVID-19 YOU ARE REQUIRED TO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertake 5 rapid antigen tests over a 7-day period following exposure*^ 	YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you supported a student or child who has tested positive for COVID-19, for a cumulative period of 4 hours, indoors, in close physical proximity and face masks were not able to be worn you spent a cumulative period of 4 hours indoors, in close physical proximity and not wearing a mask <u>with another adult</u> who has tested positive for COVID-19 YOU ARE REQUIRED TO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertake 5 rapid antigen tests over a 7-day period following exposure*^ 	YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you spend a cumulative period of 4 hours indoors, in close physical proximity and not wearing a mask <u>with another adult</u> who has tested positive for COVID-19 YOU ARE REQUIRED TO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertake 5 rapid antigen tests over a 7-day period following exposure*^

Leaders and managers should apply a pragmatic approach to managing who is or is not a close contact when following the testing, isolating and quarantine (TIQ) process.

STAFF OR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO UNDERTAKE PCR TESTING OR WHERE THEIR SCHOOL/CLASS/ROOM/YEAR LEVEL HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED AS A CIRCUIT BREAKER IN THE PAST WEEK, SA HEALTH ADVICE IS TO DO THE FOLLOWING FOR 7 DAYS:

- avoid attending OSHC and extra-curricular activities, excursions and camps
- avoid high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events

- wear a surgical mask around others (where age appropriate) and outside your home
- avoid working across worksites unless an approved risk management plan is in place (eg rapid antigen testing)
- avoid contact with vulnerable people outside of your workplace or family, where possible
- avoid non-essential activities where possible (eg where there are lots people, inside, in close contact)
- avoid shared spaces and maintain physical distance.

*Students and staff who are a close contact cannot attend an overnight camp during the 7-day period following exposure.

^People who have recovered from COVID-19 will not be considered a close contact for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. After 12 weeks, you will still be considered a close contact if you are exposed to COVID-19 and meet the close contact definition.